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FOR ASD MCAULIFFE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN AIRCRAFT PURCHASE

REFS: (A) SECDEF 6136 (D) SECDEF 7052

(B) SECDEF 3190 (E) LIMA 8314

(C) SECDEF 3252

1. ON THE BASIS OF YOUR 3252, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE U.S. CANNOT MAKE AN OFFER TO THE GOP FOR PURCHASE OF F-8'S. I STILL BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD OFFER SOME AIRCRAFT, IN VIEW OF THE SOVIET OFFER OF SU-22'S, FOR THE REASONS LISTED IN LIMA 8314.

2. THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT U.S. AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE. REF A OF MARCH 5, 1976 LISTS FOUR U.S. AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROCUREMENT BY PERUVIAN AIR FORCE, THE OV-10, T-2C, A-4M AND F-5. REF B OF JULY 14, 1976 REPEATS THAT THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE USED COMBAT OR TRAINING AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE AND ASKS MAAG TO DISCOURAGE LTV FROM BRIEFING PAF OFFICIALS ON THE F-8. IN FACT LTV HAD, WITH USUAL MAAG ASSISTANCE, MET WITH PAF ON THE SAME DAY AND WAS SCHEDULED TO MAKE FULL PRESENTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARRIVED TOO LATE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

3. REF C OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1976 REPEATS UNAVAILABILITY OF F-8 AND STATES THAT LTV PRESENTATION MADE WITHOUT U.S. APPROVAL OR SPONSORSHIP. WASHINGTON WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL IN DISSUADING LTV OFFICIALS IN U.S. FROM MEETING WITH PAF, DESPITE STATEMENT IN REF B

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TO THE EFFECT THAT "WE ARE CONTACTING LTV TO DISCOURAGE

BRIEFING".

4. REF D OF SEPTEMBER 10 RECORDS WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS ON SEPT. 2 ON HOW USG SHOULD RESPOND TO PAF REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF OFFER FOR 36 A-4M AND 35 F-8. CONCLUSION IS THAT UNDER SECRETARY MAW SHOULD TELL GOP THAT USG IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA ON THE F-8. PRESUMABLY YOUR 3252 OVERTAKES THAT ASPECT OF MESSAGE AND PLAN.

5. POGGI MORAN'S UNAVAILABILITY WHILE IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMS MY ASSESSMENT (REF E) THAT GOP REQUEST FOR BIDS LARGELY A PRO FORMA EXERCISE AND THAT A FINAL AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS ON SU-22 IS LIKELY. MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SHOULD OFFER TO SELL SOME KIND OF AIRCRAFT-

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A-4M, F-5 OR WHATEVER 73 AND CLEARLY EXPLAIN WHY OTHER AIRCRAFT ARE NOT AVAILADRE, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR THE RECORD, STILL STANDS.
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